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Beauty Therapist

Beauty therapists provide skin analyses, facial therapies, skin care treatments and body treatments such as massage to clients.

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Job title examples

- Beauty Therapist
- Beautician

What beauty therapists do

- discuss client needs, analyse skin characteristics and advise on suitable skin care, treatments and application of make-up
- apply general cosmetic and corrective make-up
- perform manicures and pedicures including decorative nail art, application of artificial nails, nail repair, and other specialised hand and foot treatments
- perform facial and body treatments such as massages
- treat unwanted hair through waxing, bleaching, tinting, depilation and electrolysis
- evaluate beauty therapy processes and products
- receive bookings, arrange appointments and maintain client records
- provide advice on and sell cosmetic products

Main employing industries

- Other Services (e.g. Beauty salons, hairdressing salons)
- Cosmetic companies in department stores
- Many beauty therapists are self-employed

Qualifications

The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate III in Beauty Services available as a qualification

Certificate IV in Beauty Therapy available as an apprenticeship

Diploma of Beauty Therapy available as a qualification

Apprenticeships and traineeships: Find out how to get an [apprenticeship or traineeship](#).

Course fees: You may be eligible for government subsidised training under Smart and Skilled. Go to the [Course Finder](#) to find training in your area, estimate your fee and find a training provider.

Job prospects and pay

- There are around 10,189 beauty therapists working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to decline in NSW.

Average weekly full time earnings (before tax):

- Beauty Therapists: \$813
- All occupations: \$1,200

Related jobs

- Hairdresser
- Hair or Beauty Salon Assistant



To find out more regarding these related jobs, visit education.nsw.gov.au/job-guides.

Information sources

Occupations: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, 1220.0

Employment: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly, 6291.0.55.003

Skills shortages: Department of Employment, Skill Shortage List NSW 2015-16

Job prospects: Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS), Victoria University, Employment Forecast Data for NSW 2015/16 to 2022/23

Earnings: Department of Employment, joboutlook.gov.au, based on ABS Characteristics of Employment Survey, August 2014